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TAGS: PFOR, LE, IS

SUBJECT: ISRAELI POW'S IN LEBANON

REF: A . TEL AVIV 9969; B. STATE 238718

1. EMBOFF TOOK OCCASION OF MEETING DEC. 10 WITH NEWLY-DESIGNATED SEC GEN OF LEBANESE FONOFF (FATTAL) TO RAISE *OW ISSUE. EMBOFF REPORTED ISRAELI DEMARCHE TO EMBASSY TEL AVIV (REF A), SAID THAT AS YET WE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW UP ON ISRAELI REQUEST, AND ADDED THAT DEPT HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED US ON DISCRETIONARY BASIS THAT WE SAW NO REASON WHY GOL SHOULD NOT RELEASE PRISONERS. FATTAL SAID HE PERSONALLY AGREED WITH THIS POSITION AND WOULD INFORM HIS SUPERIORS OF CONVERSATION.

2. LATER IN DAY EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY SENIOR LEBANESE ARMY OFFICER THAT CHANCES ARE VERY GOOD POW'S WILL BE RELEASED ON DEC. 11 OR 12.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY TEL AVIV IS FREE TO INFORM GOI WE HAVE APPROACHED GOL, AS REQUESTED. HOWEVER, WE WOULD PREFER NOT RPT NOT TO PASS ALONG INFO CONTAINED PARA 2 SINCE FINAL TOP-LEVEL SECRET

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DECISION BY GOL NOT TAKEN. WHEN IT IS WE BELIEVE LEBANESE WILL

COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH IDF VIA ARMISTICE COMMISSION. THEY
RECENTLY HAVING MEETINGS EVERY OTHER DAY ON THIS ISSUE.
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